

Template for an e. e. cummings Poem

the greedy the people

*the greedy the people
(as if as can yes)
they sell and they buy
and they die for because
though the bell in the steeple
says Why*

*the chary the wary
(as all as can each)
they don't and they do
and they turn to a which
though the moon in her glory
says Who*

*the busy the millions
(as you're as can I'm)
they when and they how
and they live for until
though the sun in his heaven
says Now*

*the cunning the craven
(as think as can feel)
they when and they how
and they live for until
though the sun in his heaven
says Now*

*the timid the tender
(as doubt as can trust)
they work and they pray
and they bow to a must
though the earth in her splendor
says May*

Pattern	End Rhyme	# of Syllables to Add
<i>The</i> _____ <i>the</i> _____	(a)	6
(as _____ as can _____)	(b)	5
<i>they</i> _____ <i>and they</i> _____	(c)	5

*and they*____ *verb/ prepositional phrase*____ (usually b) 6

*though the*_____ *prep. phrase*_____ (a) 7

*say(s)*_____ (c)